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## For Christ and the Church





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Pictured is a mural of Christian Endeavor recently placed on the wall of the foyer of the headquarters building in Columbus, Ohio.

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## Coming to You by Way of

# The General Secretary



## Make It a Great Celebration

● The 75th birthday of the Christian Endeavor movement is more than just another anniversary. February 2 marks the completion of three-quarters of a century of glorious service "for Christ and the Church." It is estimated that over twenty million individuals have been active members of the organization who have reached into almost every known part of the world and has been a potent and influential force in the rise of the ecumenical movement of the church. Christian Endeavor has been the stimulus and has set the pattern for many other youth groups. Extensive plans have been made for the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee throughout the world. Many helps for the observance during Christian Endeavor Week, January 29-February 5, may be secured from International headquarters in Columbus.

## Committed Youth


● One of the reasons for the success of Christian Endeavor and for its opportunity of usefulness is the commitment of its members. The pledge of the movement has played a very important part. Youth have pledged themselves "for Christ and the Church." Because of the significance of covenant, as the climax of Christian Endeavor Week and the observance of the Diamond Jubilee, societies throughout North America are asked to have a commitment service Sunday, February 5. At that time opportunity may be given to those who have not signed the pledge to do so and for those who have, to re-commit themselves. International Society has issued special forms for these anniversary services. These are entitled *My Diamond Jubilee Commitment*. Besides a commitment on the pledge itself, there is a place for indicating the desire to be a Comrade of the Quiet Hour, a member of the Tenth Legion, a life-work recruit, and to make efforts in citizenship and evangelism.

## We Salute a Christian Statesman

● Wilbur H. Hamilton of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is a Christian Endeavorer who in a specific way is trying to carry out his Christian principles in politics. We congratulate Wilbur on his election to the City Council of Philadelphia at the November election. He was the only Republican elected in a Democratic landslide. The former president of the Philadelphia Christian Endeavor Union and former chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union is now serving his second term as a member of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania. Last August Mr. Hamilton took the floor of the Pennsylvania House to oppose a bill which provided for a referendum to determine whether or not the people of Philadelphia would allow Sunday sale of liquor after 2:00 P.M. Wilbur stood for what he believed he should do as a Christian and was influential in having the bill defeated. An article in the *Lord's Day Leader* in September 1955 said this about Representative Hamilton's stand: "It cost Mr. Hamilton something to oppose Sunday sale of liquor for Philadelphia because he is his party's candidate for City Councilman in the 8th Councilmanic District of Philadelphia. The *Philadelphia Daily News* has openly attacked him for his stand against Sunday sale of liquor and will no doubt campaign against him on this issue. Regardless of this, Wilbur Hamilton stood by his convictions and we know no man ever suffers when he stands with the right." Wilbur Hamilton came through. We are very happy to know of his success and for the backing he was given.

*Gene Stone*





# Diamond Jubilee . . .

## [T'S THE DIAMOND JUBILEE!

Around the world youth will celebrate the 75th anniversary of Christian Endeavor the week of January 29-February 5.

Great preparations are being made for the observance of the completion of three-quarters of a century of Christian Endeavor. Starting with an idea of Dr. Francis E. Clark and the formation of a society at the Williston Congregational Church, February 2, 1881, the pioneer religious youth movement has spread around the world.

Plans by societies and unions include a variety of services and activities. There will be special church services, banquets, socials, radio and television programs, and projects. A dramatization, "This Is Christian Endeavor," written by Mrs. Catherine Miller Balm, will be presented by many groups.

### Commitment Service

International Christian Endeavor leaders are urging all societies to have a commitment program during their meeting Sunday, February 5, to fittingly mark the Diamond Jubilee. At this service youth are to be asked to sign or re-sign the Christian Endeavor Pledge and to commit or re-commit themselves as Comrades of the Quiet Hour or members of the Tenth Legion. A form entitled "My Diamond Jubilee Commitment" for use in the service is on page 4 of this issue of *The World*. Enrollment forms similar to this may be secured free in quantities for societies by writing to International headquarters.

A Diamond Jubilee enrollment is being made for those who joined Christian Endeavor 25 years or more ago. A form for the registration of those who qualify for the Quarter Century or Half Century Club is on page 18 of this issue of *The World*.

### Pilgrimage To Portland

Many Endeavorers are expected to make a Pilgrimage to the birthplace of Christian Endeavor, the Williston Congregational Church, Portland, Maine, during Christian Endeavor Week. A banquet will be held in the church Saturday, February 4, at 6:30 P.M., followed by an anniversary service in the church sanctuary. Rev. Earle W. Gates, president of International Society, will speak at the service. Among honored guests who are expected to attend are Mrs. William P. Chase, daughter of Dr. Francis E. Clark, and Mrs. J. Parker Paxson, daughter of Granville Staples, president of the first society. The Massachusetts Christian Endeavor Union is planning to have a delegation at the Pilgrimage. Youth leaders from other states and Canada are planning to attend.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the International Society will be conducted in Portland, Maine, February 3 and 4, in connection with the anniversary program.

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## Christian Endeavor

## To Celebrate

## 75th Anniversary

## Week of

## Jan. 29-Feb. 5



75  
Years



## My Diamond Jubilee Commitment

I hereby enroll in Christian Endeavor's Diamond Jubilee by making one or more of the following commitments (or re-commitments):

**CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PLEDGE**—Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would have me do. I will make it the rule of my life to pray and read the Bible, to support the work and worship of my church, and to take my part in the meetings and other activities of this society. I will seek to bring others to Christ, to give as I can for the spread of the Kingdom, to advance my country's welfare, and promote the Christian brotherhood of man. These things I will do unless hindered by conscientious reasons; and in them all I will seek the Saviour's guidance. .... ☐

**QUIET HOUR**—Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I will make it a rule of my life to set apart at least fifteen minutes every day, if possible in the early morning, for Bible reading, meditation, and prayer. .... ☐

**TENTH LEGION**—I will dedicate one-tenth or more of my income to the Lord's work. .... ☐

**LIFE-WORK RECRUIT**—Feeling myself called by the Holy Spirit, and trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that from this day forth I will strive to shape the plans of my life so that I may give myself wholly to specialized service for Christ and the Church. ☐

**WINNING OTHERS**—I will endeavor to win someone to Christ during this year. .... ☐

**CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP**—I will vote (or encourage others to vote) as I believe a Christian should, and in all things I will strive to be a Christian citizen. .... ☐

Name .....

Date .....  
(Put this portion in your Bible)

Christian Endeavor Pledge ..... ☐  
Quiet Hour ..... ☐  
Tenth Legion ..... ☐  
Life-Work Recruit ..... ☐  
Winning Others ..... ☐  
Christian Citizenship ..... ☐

Name .....

Address .....  
(Street) (City) (State)

Church .....

Date .....

Send to  
International Society of  
Christian Endeavor  
1221 East Broad Street,  
Columbus 16, Ohio

## Diamond Jubilee

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### Emphasis on Citizenship

"Our Citizenship Under Christ" is the theme for the birthday week.

The deadline for entries in the fifth annual Christian Citizenship Contest comes with the closing of Christian Endeavor Week. Notices of participation must be postmarked not later than February 5 and sent to the Citizenship Director at Columbus headquarters. Awards totaling \$1,000 in cash and two trips to the Citizenship Convocation in Washington, D.C., July 29-July 1, will be given. There are two age divisions for youth in the contest.

An already record sale of Christian Endeavor Week literature packets and outdoor poster panels gives evidence of a banner celebration of Christian Endeavor's birthday.

Packets containing a manual with suggestions for the week together with banquet, publicity, radio, television, and other plans may be secured from state or provincial union offices or from the International Society of Christian Endeavor for 50¢. Rev. Raymond E. Weiss, field secretary Michigan Union, is the author of the manual.

### Millions To View Poster Panels

Christian Endeavor highway evangelism with the hanging of outdoor poster panels along streets and highways in the United States and Canada at anniversary time will have the greatest coverage ever. These beautiful four-color displays with the legend, "Christ Shall Reign," are posted in cooperation with individual poster plant owners who are members of the Outdoor Advertising Association of America, Inc. Millions will view the messages.

Anniversary week is a time when intensive efforts will be made in the annual Membership Mobilization of International Society. The campaign, which starts with the beginning of the year, continues through January and February. Individuals will be taking part by becoming annual members of International Society making contributions of \$10. Many will become sustaining members giving \$25 or more.

There will also be enrollment of societies with special certificates. Societies making contributions of \$10 or more will receive blue star certificates. Red stars will go to those with a contribution of \$25 or more and gold to the ones giving \$50 or more. The Membership Mobilization campaign is under the supervision of Harold E. Westerhoff.

### COVER

THE picture on the cover of this issue of THE WORLD is the mural recently placed on the wall of the foyer of the headquarters building of the International Society of Christian Endeavor in Columbus, Ohio. Official presentation of this pictorial on Christian Endeavor was made during the Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference December 4, with Rev. Earle W. Gates, president of International Society, presiding and Harold E. Westerhoff, administrative secretary, accepting the mural. This was given by the Longterms Christian Endeavor Association of Philadelphia in honor of Gene Stone, general secretary of International Society, who was formerly president of Philadelphia Christian Endeavor Union.

Pictures shown in the mural are: Citizenship Convocation at White House in 1952; Juniors at World Convention in Washington; Mrs. Helen Lyon Jones, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, and Dr. Ernest R. Bryan at convention in Toronto; campfire service; Dr. and Mrs. Francis E. Clark; Williston Congregational Church; headquarters buildings in Boston and Columbus; roll call of nations at World Convention in London in 1950; singing group at Columbus Convention in 1955; parade at International Convention in Grand Rapids in 1937; radio broadcast; President Eisenhower at World Convention in Washington in 1954; float in International Convention parade in Columbus in 1955.





CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR LEADERS enjoy time of informal conversation at annual sessions. Pictured are: First row—(left to right)—Donald McQuarrie and Matthew Dunlop, Ontario; Virginia Saylor, Robert Adcock and Sondra Tucker, Tennessee. Second row (left to right)—Elizabeth McKnight, Virginia; Rev. Earle W. Gates, New York; Ann S. Fulton, Virginia; Christian Tirre, New Jersey, and Mary Moffitt, Texas.



REV. HOWARD TEUSINK, chairman of the Educational Committee of the Program Council and director of Youth Work of the Reformed Church in America, talks with leaders at gatherings in Columbus. Standing (left to right) are Rev. George L. Blackwell, director of Youth Work of the A.M.E. Zion Church; Rev. Earle W. Gates, president of International Society; and Rev. William N. Gibson, director of Youth Work of the General Baptist Church.

## Annual Meetings Held in Columbus C. E. Leaders Renew Allegiance

RE-SIGNING of the Christian Endeavor Pledge on the desk of Dr. Francis E. Clark by youth leaders was a high moment during the meetings of the Program Council of the International Society of Christian Endeavor and the Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference.

Preparations for a great observance of the 75th anniversary of Christian Endeavor and other plans for advancement were made at the annual sessions held in Columbus, Ohio, December 2-5.

Looking forward to Christian Endeavor Sunday, February 5, when it is expected that nearly all the societies of Christian Endeavor will have a service of commitment or re-commitment, leaders in advance had such a service in Columbus. The Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday, December 4, conducted by Mary Moffitt, vice-president of International Society in charge of the Southwestern Region, was concluded with leaders coming forward and re-signing the Christian Endeavor Pledge on the historic desk of Dr. Clark in the Headquarters building. It was on this desk that the 57 young people signed the Constitution of the original society February 2, 1881, in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Clark.

Rev. Earle W. Gates, president of International Society, gave a report on his activities in the first five months of his presidency. He was the leader of the morning devotional messages and officiated at the Communion service.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Union, advised that there are unparalleled opportunities in many places around the globe as he also cited the critical need for leaders. Dr. Poling informed the Endeavorers about the two area conferences of the World's Union that are to be held next summer, one in Japan and one in Norway.

A panel concerning the total youth program of the church and Christian Endeavor was presented by Rev. Howard Teusink, Rev. William N. Gibson, and Rev. George L. Blackwell.

Leaders enjoyed listening to a live radio broadcast presented by Endeavorers over station WTVN, Columbus. Those taking part were Jean Ferguson, Ontario; Jean Vaughn, Maryland; Vernon Hoffman, Michigan; and Stanley Settles, Colorado.

"Christ Shall Reign" was the theme of the message presented by Dr. Robert W. Rash at the special church service.

Ralph E. May was re-elected president of the Executives' Conference. Other officers chosen are Charles O. Heyward, vice-president; Phyllis Whitten, secretary; and E. Herman Brackbill, treasurer.

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### Time For Fellowship

A portion of those attending the banquet of the Program Council and Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference in the Southern Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, is pictured. Seated at the table

(left to right) are Rev. Elwood Dunn, Ralph E. May, Dr. Robert W. Rash, Rev. Albert H. Heinz, Mrs. Albert H. Heinz, Rev. Earle W. Gates, and Evelyn Purdy.





## Endeavorers Portray Christmas Story

The Roanoke (Virginia) Christian Endeavor Union took the top award for having the float best signifying the Christmas spirit in the 1955 Christmas Parade in the Virginia city. Shown on the float are (left to right) James R. Harrell, Jr., Jimmy Wills, Richard Glass, and Gayle Snidor.



## Homer Rodeheaver Dies

Homer Rodeheaver, world-famous song leader, died at his home in Winona Lake, Indiana, December 18, stricken by a cerebral hemorrhage.

Thousands of Christian Endeavorers around the world sang under the leading of Mr. Rodeheaver at hundreds of rallies and conventions. Mr. Rodeheaver was in charge of music for many of the conventions of the International Society and in states and provinces in North America. On a number of occasions he conducted tours of a week or more preaching and singing for Christian Endeavor unions.

For 20 years Mr. Rodeheaver was musical director for Billy Sunday. He was the author of the music and words for many Gospel songs. He operated a publishing house and had a recording company for religious music. A few years ago he started a ranch for underprivileged boys at Palatka, Florida.

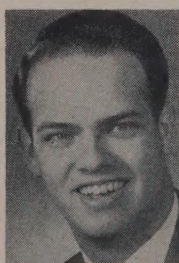
Mr. Rodeheaver, who never married, is survived by a sister, Ruth Thomas of Winona Lake.



James R. Westerhoff  
New Jersey



Louis D. Stafford  
Kentucky



Robert A. Nykamp  
Michigan



John Yakligian  
California

## New Presidents of State Unions

## C. E. Leaders

### Renew Allegiance

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The leaders of the Program Council were elected as follows: Dr. Robert W. Rash, chairman; Rev. Robert Hess, vice-chairman; and Rev. Robert C. Ross, executive secretary.

Members of the committees of the Program Council were chosen as follows:

**EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE**—Rev. Howard Teusink, chairman; Rev. George L. Blackwell, Phyllis G. Brown, B. McClain Cochran, Albert Day, Rev. Elwood Dunn, Travis Ewing, Rev. William N. Gibson, Nellie V. Griffin, Rev. Robert Hess, Dr. Robert W. Rash, and Rev. Robert C. Ross, Executive Secretary.

**TOPICS COMMITTEE**—Rev. Elwood Dunn, chairman; Rev. Brenton J. K. Arthur, Rev. Charles Barner, Ann S. Fulton, Mrs. Alice Griffin, Rev. Wallace Hastings, Vernon Hoffman, Clyde Sherck, Andrew White, and Rev. Robert C. Ross, Executive Secretary.

**JUNIOR WORK COMMITTEE**—Nellie V. Griffin, chairman; Mrs. Warren G. Hoopes, Sr., Viroqua Nodolf, Margaret

Paugh, Mrs. Ray H. Rewerts, Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart, Rev. Raymond Weiss, and Rev. Robert C. Ross, Executive Secretary.

It was decided that the Program Council will hold its next meeting in Columbus, Ohio, December 7 and 1956, and that the Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference will convene December 7-10.

### NOTIFICATION OF PARTICIPATION

(Request for official entry blanks)

#### Christian Endeavor Christian Citizenship Award Contest

(Valid only if postmarked no later than February 6, 1956)

Christian Citizenship Director  
International Society of Christian Endeavor

1221 East Broad Street  
Columbus 16, Ohio

I hereby enter the CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

#### AWARD CONTEST

Please send me the official entry

blanks and other information. ....

I have requested official entry blanks from my state or provincial Christian

Endeavor Union office .....  
(Please check above statements)

Name .....  
(Please Print)

Street and Number .....

City and State .....

Local Church .....  
(Denomination)

Date of Birth .....

☐ I agree to observe the rules and conditions outlined above.

Signature of Applicant

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORK



# Deadline For Citizenship Entries Is February 6...

THE deadline for youth to enter the Christian Endeavor Christian Citizenship Contest is drawing near. *Notification of Participation* must be sent by February 6 to the citizenship Director of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

Many youth have already signed-up in the fifth annual contest in which winners will receive awards totaling 1,000 in cash and two free trips to the Citizenship Convocation in Washington, D.C., June 29-July 1.

Judging will be based on "A Letter to My Congressman" or, for Canadian youth, "A Letter to My M.P." (not to exceed 1,000 words) on the subject, "I Speak for Christian Citizenship" and a citizenship service record on beliefs and activities.

The first step in entering the contest is to send the *Notification of Participation* to Columbus, Ohio. (A convenient form is on Page 6 of this issue of *The World*.) Next the letter and citizenship record must be completed and be in the hands of the board of judges of the contestant's state or province no later than March 1. Judging in the states and provinces will be completed by March 21. These winners will go to the nine regions for consideration with judging being completed by April 11 after which the final selections will be made.

There are two divisions in the contest. All youth in United States or Canada who are in high school or below on February 6, 1956 will be in Division A. Those youth who are out of high school but have not reached their 25th birthday by February 6, 1956 will be classified in Division B. The top winner in each division will receive \$200 in cash and a trip to Washington, D.C.



Rev. Robert C. Ross (right), citizenship director, watches Geraldine E. Ludwick of Roanoke, Virginia, sign her entry in the Citizenship Contest of the International Society. Waiting their turn to pen their names on the applications are (standing, left to right) Ann S. Fulton of Richmond, Virginia; Vern Hoffman of Danville, Illinois, and Pauline Schreurs of Oostburg, Wisconsin.

# Dedicate Plaque In Memory of Dr. Amos R. Wells..



Elizabeth Wells reads inscription on plaque in memory of her father, Dr. Amos R. Wells. Dr. Daniel A. Poling (left) presided at the ceremony held in the Headquarters Building of Christian Endeavor in Columbus, Ohio. Rev. Earle W. Gates, president of the International Society, looks at tablet honoring the world-famous editor.

A PLAQUE in memory of Dr. Amos R. Wells, distinguished editor, was dedicated at the headquarters of the International Society of Christian Endeavor at Columbus, Ohio, during the meetings of the Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference December 2.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union and editor of *Christian Herald* magazine, paid tribute to the life of Dr. Wells who for 42 years was connected with *The Christian Endeavor World*, serving most of that time as editor-in-chief. Besides the editing of the popular religious youth magazine, Dr. Wells wrote 92 books, was editor for many years of Peloubet's Sunday-school lessons, and contributed hundreds of articles to various magazines. Dr. Wells, who was born in 1862, died in 1933.

Elizabeth Wells of Auburndale, Massachusetts, daughter of Dr. Wells, spoke at the ceremonies. Presentation of the plaque was made by Dr. Gene Stone, present editor of *The Christian Endeavor World* and general secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

The inscription on the plaque is as follows: "The editorial rooms in this building are a memorial to, and this plaque is placed in memory of, Christian Endeavor's most distinguished Editor and her most voluminous and brilliant writer. Contemporary with Dr. Francis E. Clark, the founder, Dr. Wells was the associate of youth leaders in both hemispheres who, through two generations, raised the physical and spiritual structure of our society. Gracious, scholarly and tireless, he embodied in himself those ideals and principles about which he wrote with trenchant and eloquent pen."



# Misjudged?

By BERT H. DAVIS

IN a suburban community a few years ago several parents contributed a few dollars each to achieve a community playground. The lots in their subdivision are long, and so there was space behind the lawns and gardens for a common ground on which slides, swings, climbing bars and other play equipment were installed.

One useful layman in the community headed the subscription list and helped find suitable equipment. A minister with young children of his own took time to teach the neighbors' boys and girls some new games. The minister, the mothers, and a retired grandfather or two helped supervise the daily activities of the neighborhood playfield.

This was good democratic self-improvement in action—depending wholly on voluntary leaders and with no great cost to anyone.

Could a project like this be misjudged? It could be and it was.

## Ugly Rumors

Rumor said that the father who first promoted the idea made some money for himself when he secured the equipment used on the playfield. Why, some of the articles had been given to him, and not sold to him as claimed, though by whom and for what purpose was never revealed! The minister, one rumor ran, took so keen an interest in the children's playground because he hoped to make converts of some of the Catholic boys and girls of the group. A neighboring land-owner secretly aided the project, it was said, because its activities would help him attract more buyers of his plats.

Fortunately the rumors and suppositions didn't undermine the playfield idea. And Don, leader among the volunteers, was to go on to become president of a leading social service organization in the neighboring city. The minister, hurt by suspicion but not quitting his good work, has since moved to one of the most influential churches of his denomination.

Those who found themselves misjudged for their hard work in the play project could sympathize and agree with Dr. Albert Schweitzer of Lambarene when he writes:

*"Anyone who proposes to do good must not expect people to roll stones out of his way, but must accept his lot calmly if they even roll a few more upon it."*

Leaders in good causes need to recognize that so little depends on what people will think or do, so much on whether or not the task undertaken is one in which we may count on God's help.

## Look For Burden-sharers

At that point, the leader in religious work should be on the alert for cooperation and support from those who may seem genuinely led by God to take up some share of the burden.

## YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOP

Christian history is full of what may seem surprising, unpredictable additions to the ranks of those working hard and against great obstacles for a high objective. To the leader who believes and prays, prays and believes, the coming of new support from "unexpected" sources is the natural outgrowth of the mission to which he himself is committed.

"My husband and I had been praying for just a little extra money, to be used for repairs to the mission school before the rains came," one missionary reports.

"When we had just about concluded that we'd have to make do with the small resources that remained, a letter arrived from a young people's group in an American village we'd never heard of. The money order enclosed was for just about three dollars more than the amount we needed to take care of the urgent repairs. The work was completed scarcely a week before the rainy season arrived in full force."

If this missionary couple can appreciate that such as they are often criticized and derided for "trying to do the impossible" among backward peoples, how much will that misjudging affect them? Little if any attention will they give such stones in the path, when they see so many indications that God approves and that His faithful people in distant places are being moved to assist this Christian cause.

## Be on The Side of The Angels

But let's be sure we are on the side of the angels! Be ready to accept constructive suggestions, for they might make your leadership more useful to Christ and His Church. Don't be too ready to complain, "I'm being misjudged," when perhaps you should say, "I've

been helped to learn where my work is inefficient; probably I'm being misunderstood because I haven't worked closely enough with others and made use of their ideas and their labor."

A high purpose is no defense for failure; seek the assistance and criticism of others. A good cause does not excuse poor methods, such as we would spurn in our own business dealings. God surely makes use of poor human instruments, yet His work deserves the best we can pour into it. We must do our human part to warrant appealing to Him for strength and help. Possibly the most likely targets for misjudging are the well-meaning and often hard-working doers who blaze a trail all their own. If these helpful persons would share their purposes and the satisfactions of the tasks with other people of good will, they probably accomplish more and escape some of the criticism that may frequently wound.

Try to form a team to engage in the useful voluntary work in which you are interested. Your project will be the better for unity, the varied contributions different persons make, and the influence spread by any good work involving a number of persons. God so often blesses devoted team work!

As a Christian worker and leader, pray and promote the other fellow's program where you can.

Set an example of believing the best about others.

These times can use enthusiasm and energy put forth by many good people striving in a large number of channels to serve man and glorify the Father.

## Working Through Committees

PERHAPS the first working committee in which you ever held membership was in a Christian Endeavor society. This is true for many Young Adults.

We are not thinking now of "name-only" committees or temporary assignments to committees, but of the year-around program an effective committee in Christian Endeavor conducts.

From very early days in this movement, committee responsibilities have been important in the "learn by doing" process by which Christian Endeavor tries to prepare young people for effective churchmanship.

Christian Endeavor committees should include: (a) Opportunities for every member to prepare himself for adult forms of Christian work; (b) Present-day usefulness to church and society, by personal responsibilities carried within the committees in which he serves; (c) United action for good causes, starting now in a society's committees and ever widening as an individual's abilities and opportunities grow.

## Principles for Effective Work

What are some of the principles of effective committee work which Christian Endeavor has made common property for church and community work in general?

1. Every member of the organization should serve on a committee.

2. Every committee should have a fair, continuous program in which, under ideal conditions, every member of the committee shares.

3. Every member should have a definite assignment or type of specialized work pointed toward the total action of his committee.

4. When programs or activities pertaining to the member's assignment are dealt with (whether in planning, performance or reporting work done), this special person in cooperation with the committee chairman becomes guide, resource person and responsible group worker as that phase of the program proceeds.

5. A member of a committee may serve at times on special assignments of some other committee within the group. For example, John of the Social Committee may be better acquainted with George, a prospective member, than anyone assigned to the Membership Committee. Under a workable committee plan, John will work with Phil of the Membership Committee to recruit George.



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# Christ Shall Reign

No. 2 in a Series: "Christian Endeavor Week-Youth Week"  
Matthew 6:24-34; Revelations 11:15; Isaiah 45:22, 23  
*Christian Endeavor Sunday*

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

FEBRUARY



*Comments by Earle W. Gates*

## Pattern For The Meeting

Today is one of the most important in all the history of Youth Work in the Church. We are in the midst of Youth Week, as practically all churches of the continent know it. For the great hosts of Christian Endeavorers across the nations, however, it is even more significant. It is Christian Endeavor Week and has been thus known for several decades. February 2 is the anniversary date of the founding of the first distinctly young people's work in the Christian Church. On February 2, 1881 in the Williston Congregational Church of Portland, Maine, the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was organized by the Reverend Francis E. Clark. Thus this week we observe its Diamond Jubilee, the 75th Anniversary of its founding. Youth Fellowships, the United Christian Youth Movement, and others have come into being in the latter years of our movement's history. Many of these have set their own observance of "Youth Week" in the traditional Christian Endeavor Week. This may offer an opportunity for co-operative effort on local levels. Let all possible be done to unite our total service for Christ and the Church.

There may be a church near you that has no Christian Endeavor or other youth work. It would be a most worthy project for this period to help organize a new society. Christian Endeavor today is striving to put lights in dark churches on the Lord's Day evening by establishing new societies in them. Help other young people say "Christ Shall Reign," by being an organizational "Big Brother" to them!

Make this week a distinctive one in your society. On February 5 it is customary for young people to conduct, or assist in the morning church service. Give this your best planning. Then set apart this evening's meeting for a special observance. A banquet may be planned for during the week or on some date in the near future. Some event to help others or to bring the parents and other adults into the life of the society is to be encouraged. Do everything possible to unite the youth work of the church, and also to

## Aim Of The Topic

1. To help youth make new covenants with God.

## For Discussion

1. What does "Christ Shall Reign" mean?
2. What is the full meaning of "reign"?
3. How does Christian Endeavor help make such a reign possible?
4. Why should every Endeavorer sign the Christian Endeavor pledge? Give several reasons.
5. Is there anything in this Pledge that we cannot fulfill with Christ's help?
6. Why should every Christian Youth sign the Quiet Hour Pledge? The Tenth Legion Pledge?
7. Is there any reason why a sincere Endeavorer should NOT make these Pledges?
8. Who should sign the Life-Work Recruit Pledge? What does it require?
9. How can Endeavorers show that Christ reigns in their lives in school? at work?
10. How can we best know God's will for our lives?

focus the attention of the adults of the community upon the benefits of Christian Endeavor.

Every Endeavorer in every society is asked to rededicate himself by signing again, or for the first time, the Christian Endeavor Pledge. Set apart time for this at the close of the meeting. Have pledge cards or suitable substitute ready.

## Christ Shall Reign

"Christ Shall Reign" is the international theme of Christian Endeavor for this biennium. It is used by societies everywhere, adapted according to local needs and concerns. It is suitable for any type of church and lends itself to all doctrinal positions. To let Jesus Christ reign in life is the ultimate aim of all Christians; it is the goal toward which Christian leaders must ever direct youth. Regardless of one's theological position, this is a worthy and a complete aim. The society should plan its program around this theme, both for today and for the coming year. Each Endeavorer should build his life upon the security and the challenge of such a theme. Tomorrow is today; let's start at once!

## His Reign In Our Lives

The call of Christ "Follow Me" is the great beginning of any life. Every young person must some time face this opportunity, hearing the Master's voice addressing him personally. Each one must answer for himself and thereafter be blessed or cursed by his decision. First thought must be given to one's eternal redemption. Christ will be the Saviour of any who will accept Him and put

their lives in His keeping. When He has thus been accepted as Saviour He shall be honored as Lord. We are not our own, we are bought with a price. Therefore our entire lives are His. Anyone may come to Him, but He asks complete surrender when they come. Only in this way can Christ reign in our lives.

To sign the Christian Endeavor Pledge to day in sincerity, or to re-dedicate one's self to it, will be the means of making this surrender evident. "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him—"

## His Reign Over Our Time and Means

If Christ is proclaimed King of our lives He must then have control over our time, our habits, our possessions, our all. Our daily schedules, our companionships, our very pattern of life should be determined by His will. To let Him so reign means we must deepen our spiritual lives daily. Prayer and a study of God's Word will help in this. Every Christian Endeavorer should be a "Comrade of the Quiet Hour," promising definite daily time for personal worship. Each one should be a member of "The Tenth Legion," promising to give at least one tenth of his income to the Lord's work.

To sign the pledges for commitment, or recommitment, to the Quiet Hour and to the Tenth Legion, today will be an evidence of personal desire for Christian growth and advance.

## His Reign Over Our Talents and Work

Another call to young Christians is the challenge to devote talents and influence to the spreading of God's Kingdom on earth. Each one should strive to give all possible in this way. "God's sweetest blessings always go by hands that serve Him here below." We were not given our talents to "hide under a bushel" or to be used selfishly. Rather they are to be used for the glory of God and the good of others.

To some Christian Endeavorers there comes again and again the call to dedicate all of life to full-time Christian service. To give all of one's time to all-out "church vocation," in one of its many forms, is to assure lasting joy and satisfaction. There is no work as fine on all of God's earth. Perhaps some present in this meeting have felt the inner urging, the call of God to so live his life. The "Follow Me" of the Saviour is a call to life work.

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## Scripture Readings

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T., Jan. 31. Christ Shall Reign In Justice. Isaiah 11:1-5.  
W., Feb. 1. Christ Shall Reign In Peace. Isaiah 9:6,7.  
T., Feb. 2. Christ Shall Reign In Glory. Revelation 21:22-27.  
F., Feb. 3. Christ Shall Reign Forever. Luke 1:31-33.  
S., Feb. 4. Christ Shall Reign In Our Hearts. Colossians 3:1-4.  
Sun., Feb. 5. Topic—Christ Shall Reign. (C. E. Sunday) Matthew 6:24-34; Revelation 11:15; Isaiah 45:22, 23.

**A SEED THOUGHT**  
"The Christian Endeavor Pledge is a standard of character and action that we promise to try to reach." Have you renewed this personal Covenant with God?



# Christ Shall Reign

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Romans 13:1-8; Luke 20:19-26

Christian Endeavor Sunday



Intermediate (12-14 YEARS)

FEBRUARY 5

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

## Start Out With Questions

Let's reverse the usual procedure in our Christian Endeavor meetings. Let's ask some pertinent questions to open the meeting.

1. Has Christian Endeavor as a movement 75 years old carried out the specific aims evangelism, Christian citizenship and world peace, or has it assumed more of a general movement?

2. What specific challenge do you think Christ brings to the youth of this generation?

3. Has the challenge of Christ to youth

changed with different ages?

4. Does Christ present any specific challenge to the youth of our denomination or church?

5. Is youth responding to the challenge of Christ?

6. How is world friendship related to the challenge of Christ?

7. Is the challenge of Christ to live a Christian life an easy one?

8. What part of the challenge of Christ is the most difficult to accept?

## Our Movement Had Great Foundations

On February 2, 1881, Dr. Francis E. Clark, a young pastor of the Williston Congregational Church of Portland, Maine, gathered a group of young people of his church together for a meeting. At that time he presented them with a pledge and plan for service. The pledge was to give young people, who at this time had little active participation in church meetings, a more definite goal and aim in life. The plan proposed was that of active church work whereby young people could learn to do things by doing them.

The 57 young people present took the pledge on the evening of February 2. The first signer was William H. Pennell. The first president of the local society and the leader of the first prayer meeting was Granville Staples. Thus Christian Endeavor was born, and for 75 years it has continued to give young people an opportunity of learning how to serve their Master by actually doing things. Little did Mr. Clark or his young people think that the idea conceived for the local society of ordinary young people would spread over the world. The hand of Providence can be seen, however, as the history of the movement is unfolded. Even before the success of this first society was assured the model was copied by other churches. Requests came to Dr. Clark for copies of the pledge and the constitution and for other data until the pressure of correspondence became an embarrassment to him.

## Our Aims

1. To worthily observe Christian Endeavor's 75th birthday.

2. To call Christian Endeavorers to yield anew their allegiance to Christ.

3. To stress Comrades of the Quiet Hour and Life-Work Recruits.

In 1882 the first convention was held with six societies recorded. In 1885 the United Society of Christian Endeavor was formed and headquarters established in Boston. That same year the first State Christian Endeavor Union was formed by Endeavorers of Connecticut. From that time forward Christian Endeavor grew amazingly. Dr. Clark made several trips around the world, and everywhere his contagious enthusiasm for the new movement resulted in new societies being formed. The era of great international and world Christian Endeavor conventions attracting thousands of youth was initiated climaxing in the World's Convention in Washington, D.C., in 1954 and the International Convention in Columbus, Ohio, our present headquarters in 1955.

In 1925, at the Portland, Oregon, Convention, Dr. Daniel A. Poling succeeded Dr. Clark as President. In 1927 at the Cleveland, Ohio, Convention, the name was changed to the "International Society of Christian Endeavor."

## Millions Want Christ to Reign

4,000,000 young people under the banners of Christian Endeavor are heralding the meaningful call "Christ Shall Reign." The religious influence and impulse of these millions of Christian youth cannot be weighed, measured, or tabulated. They accomplish a vast amount of Christly activity in prisons and hospitals, on ships, among the poor, in fresh-air camps, for Sabbath-observance, municipal reform, civic betterment, temperance, social purity, Bible-study, systematic giving, and international peace and arbitration. The training given to young people in all forms of church service during the past years cannot be estimated.

Christian Endeavor stands for spirituality and practical activity in the personal religious life; for loyalty to the local church and de-

nomination; for fellowship and cooperation among the denominations; for generous giving and personal devotion to missions; for citizenship in the broadest sense; for the highest patriotism; and for international peace and arbitration. All of these causes it promotes earnestly and constantly, in many effective ways.

*What is your society doing to help Christ reign?*

## Christ Wants to Reign in our Life

Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." What does He mean by life, when He already mentioned the way? Life, as Jesus interpreted it, was union with the Father through Him. The challenge then that Christ brings to youth here lies in His death. Jesus was so true to His way of living and His teaching that He was willing to die rather than retract His statements and thus be false.

1. *From this we derive the challenge to Christian experience.* Are we trying to live right and to search for truth without having an experience with the Christ? The death of Christ was for the purpose of making possible a union with God the Father and man. If we do not consummate that union we spurn the death of Christ. Yet how often are attempts made to live among Christian people and even in the church and no experience with Christ having been had? The Christ challenges youth of all nations today to forsake the lower things of life and be joined with Him in a spiritual union. Will you accept that challenge?

2. *It is a challenge to a wholehearted consecration.* Experience with Christ is a good beginning, but it is not the end. When Christ said, "I am the Life" and "I am come that they might have life and have it more abundantly" He challenged us to that larger life that comes from a loyal devotion to Him and His work that shall drive us into places where sacrifice is necessary. Can we accept that challenge in the song by singing, "Where He leads me I will follow"?

3. *It is a challenge to unity.* In John 17:21 Christ prayed "that they may be one." His desire was to bring the entire world into a unity of the spirit. Does not that thought challenge us? Let us give our lives to such service that shall make for world friendship and fellowship—that shall tie together with bonds of Christian love the youth of the entire world.

*What are you doing to help Christ to reign more effectively in your life and in the lives of others?*

## A Contest

Place a paper in the hands of each Endeavorer. Put the letters of *CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR* in vertical order, one below the other. Then ask each to write in a word beginning with that letter which helps say "What Christian Endeavor Means to Me." C might stand for Consecration, E for Enthusiasm, etc.

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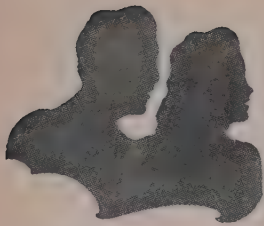
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—(Christian Endeavor Sunday)





# Blind Spots in Race Relations

No. 1 in a Series: "Inter-racial and Inter-faith Relationships"  
Acts 17:26; Ephesians 2:11-22

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

FEBRUARY

Comments by Earle W. Gates

## Pattern For The Meeting

This is the first of a series of three topics on the theme *Inter-racial and Inter-faith Relationships*. Today we shall discuss *Blind Spots In Race Relations* in observance of Race Relations Sunday. Next week being Brotherhood Sunday, *Blind Spots Among The Nations* will be considered. The following week, the ever-popular subject *If I Marry Outside My Church?* will be evaluated. All of these topics are everyday problems, and will prove interesting as Christian young people weigh them out.

A film strip, such as "We Are All Brothers," would provide a more complete study of this topic. This film brings out that God did not create people different, other than the unimportant color of their skin; man has made the "difference."

The leader of this topic should be one who looks at the race problem fairly and in a Christian attitude. One who is already prejudiced would be a poor leader indeed. Strive to build such Christian attitudes in your society.

## What Is A Blind Spot?

Obviously a blind spot is any area not readily apprehended by our vision. It is a place or object not properly seen. An interesting experiment will show more clearly the meaning. There is a certain point in human vision where the eyes do not adequately focus on an object. Take a white card or paper and mark a black X or other figure upon the middle. Then hold it just to the right of the face, at eye level. Move it very slowly back toward the ear, still on eye level, watching the mark carefully. At one point the mark will seem to disappear. Try it until you succeed. That point where the spot disappears is a "blind spot" for you. It is a small area where you cannot see properly, due to the particular focus of your eyes.

There are spiritual and mental "blind spots" also, though they may not be so clearly illustrated. These are places where we cannot see issues properly due to the particular focus of our minds and attitudes. Sometimes it is almost impossible to change this focus because of life-long conditioning and teaching. Usually it can be done, if we pray that the mind of Christ be in us. We should earnestly strive to find our own "blind spots." Assuredly, then, it becomes an obligation to correct our vision.

### A SEED THOUGHT

"To all intents and purposes, he who will not open his eyes is, for the present, as blind as he who cannot."—South.

## Aim Of The Topic

1. To point out the "likenesses" of various races.
2. To realize the Christian attitude toward those of other races.

## Talk It Over

1. Who made the differences in man—God or man? Explain each.
2. How are races alike? List ways.
3. What is a "blind spot"?
4. What is the meaning of the Seed Thought?
5. What causes blind spots in one's thinking?
6. What are the results of allowing blind spots in your life? How do they affect you? How do they affect others?
7. What is your blind spot in regard to the Negro? The White? The Indian? The Jew? The Italian? others?
8. How can these be overcome?
9. Are you Christian if you have a blind spot? Why or why not?
10. What CAN and WILL you do as a SOCIETY, and as an INDIVIDUAL, to improve your attitude toward others?

## Blind Spots In Race Relations

All men have been created by God, coming from Adam and Eve. All men have the same number of bones in their body, same placement of the heart, lungs, eyes, nose and mouth, etc. No single race or class is superior in the basic factors of life.

No one race can be considered the inventors, as each has made its own contribution. There is no permanent language barrier between races. Any individual has the ability to learn the language of another. Anyone can learn. Race is not determined by one's intelligence, and vice versa. Education and opportunities decide upon that. People are not born mean, nor permanently vicious, nor fearful and ignorant. These traits are developed as a result of their teaching and treatment.

People as a whole have blind spots in their race relations. They cannot see the total picture clearly. Because of this, "others" are forbidden certain jobs. Too frequently these "others" are not accepted, and sometimes not even allowed, in our churches, our schools, our stores, our restaurants, and our hotels. Very often the one who sets up the barrier is hurt equally with the one barred.

## What Are The Effects of Blind Spots?

The important thing about a man is not his face but his heart. We are all alike under the skin. It is the heart that makes the difference. I Samuel 16:7 says, "And the Lord said unto Samuel, — man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."

Blind spots prevent one from being Christian all the way. Jesus has taught us that we are all brothers. If we do not treat each other so, we are not obeying Him, and are therefore sinning. If we permit our prejudices to bias us, we become mean, thoughtless, unfair and unreasonable.

## What Is Your Blind Spot?

Some hate "Jews." Some hate "Whites." Some hate "Negroes." Some hate "Indians." Some are afraid of those "Mexicans," the "Poles," those "Italians," and countless others. Others accept another race, but wouldn't think of sitting beside him, sharing a room with him, having him in his home, or eating from his hands prepared. These are blind spots. What is yours?

As Christians we must try to understand other races. We must understand their problems, know their ambitions, we must try to feel as they feel, see as they see, and put ourselves in their places. In order to better understand other races, we should try to have a heart like theirs. When you wonder how little did you ever hurt your finger in a door, and in anger, kick the door? We often do this only to find that it doesn't hurt the finger any, and besides, it hurts the foot. We must also be careful that we don't step out at another blindly, as we do the door. You may have a blind spot toward another race, but did you ever stop to think that your race is also a blind spot before other races?

## Do Christians Have Blind Spots?

The Jews regarded all who were not of their race as strangers or aliens. But the Mosaic law required that they should be treated with kindly consideration. (Leviticus 19:33, 34.) In the United States there are people of many different origins. They live among us; most of them are citizens of the same great democratic nation. If they do not belong to our race, we almost unconsciously regard them as aliens and treat them as such. We should strive to learn how to treat "alien" brethren at least according to the Mosaic law. Then ponder the higher teachings of Jesus!

Christians are human, too; we do have blind spots. But we must try to overcome these that we may strive to love all others as ourselves. "Be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only."

## Bible Meditations

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORK



# Blind Spots in Race Relations

No. 1 in a Series: "Our Wider Brotherhood"  
Acts 17:26; Ephesians 2:11-22



Intermediate (12-14 YEARS)

FEBRUARY 12

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

## Lincoln's Faith

Lincoln's influence is felt around the world. In every land men have heard and lived with profit of his career from the lowly cabin in the wilderness to the White House as the capital, of his early struggle with poverty, his determination to acquire an education, his purpose to serve the cause of freedom, and his unflinching stand for truth and right, whatever the cost.

What was the source of this spirit of Lincoln's? The answer is simple. He believed from his youth that those who stand for the right stand with God, and that God will honor and bring victory to the right.

Abraham Lincoln was taught the fundamental principles of Christianity—truth, justice, mercy, love, goodness—while a boy at his mother's knee. Her textbook was the Bible. He learned the value of prayer and meditation. As he grew into manhood he found comfort in Bible reading and prayer, which was reflected in many of his public acts and utterances. Through the dark days of the Civil War he was often in the company of those who had faith in God, and he believed in the triumph of the right.

Perhaps no man in the public life of America had a stronger faith in the guidance of God, and in the ultimate triumph of right over wrong, than did Lincoln. And he did not hesitate to speak publicly of his faith. "I know the Lord is always on the side of the right," he declared in one of his addresses, and he added with deep feeling, "and God is my witness that it is my constant prayer that both myself and this nation should be in the Lord's side."

In the Bible it is written, "Them that honor Me I will honor." And so God honored Abraham Lincoln for his fidelity to the great principles of truth, right, and freedom. Blessed is the man who, like Lincoln, holds fast to his faith in God, and couples with that faith a life of good works.

## Blind Spots

### Indifference.

The injustices which are inflicted daily on the Negro in an organized and decent society hurt youth. These injustices are sometimes deliberate and filled with spite; more often they are the result of ignorance and a warped sense of propriety. Much of the wrong done the Negro is done through no thought of malice, but this does not make it the less wrong. I want these wrongs made right, and it is because I feel they can be made right that I have this to say.

Miserable though the Negro's position in our society is, we wonder if the white man whose prejudice and indifference holds him down is not the greater loser. Not only does he miss the enrichment that might come from a bi-racial civilization built on Christian brotherhood, but he also proves the narrowness of his own soul, that is not big enough

## Our Aims

1. To recall the birthday of Abraham Lincoln.
2. To see why we are "blind" in race relationships.
3. To understand Christian attitudes toward race.

## Questions

1. What races and nationalities live in our community?
2. How many of these people are as yet not citizens of the United States? How many have applied for citizenship papers?
3. How many Displaced Persons have been welcomed into our community?

(The answers to these questions may be secured at the County Offices, Red Cross Headquarters, Settlement Houses, etc.)

4. What are housing conditions for those of other races and nationalities? Sanitation? Rents? Recreation facilities? Visits to real estate agencies, housing agencies, welfare societies, etc. will reveal startling facts. Ask if there are restricted areas for housing, if recreation facilities are open to those of all minority groups, if those of racial groups pay exorbitant rents for poorly equipped houses, etc.
5. What are the educational and job opportunities for those of minority groups? Are those of racial and national backgrounds employed by stores and business firms in your community? What type positions are open to them?

to take in his Negro brother. Who can love God who neglects to love so large a portion of God's family?

When we do not consciously mistreat the Negro but simply hold him in contempt, isn't it possible that with that contempt we may be killing something fine and ennobling inside him? Christ said, "Whoever shall cause one of these little ones to stumble, it were better that a millstone were hanged about his neck."

### Name Calling.

The very nature of the words "nigger," "Chink," "Jap," "gook," "wop," and "dago" carry an air of snobbery whether we mean for them to or not. This air of snobbery of course implies that all individuals in these

groups are inferior and worthy only of distrust and suspicion.

There is no room in the Christian's life for any such exclusiveness. One cannot read the teachings of Jesus without being reminded over and over again that God regards each of us as individuals and that we are all equal in God's sight. It is very important that we overcome our conscious race prejudice, but the task is not finished until we have rid ourselves of all of the thousand and one little unconscious habits which have grown out of prejudice. Consequently as Christians we must cleanse our lives of all of these improper phrases, snobbish names, and of the jokes which cast reflection upon some racial, national, or religious group.

If we become truly Christian, it penetrates every aspect of our lives including our attitude toward other races, thus removing the malice behind such words.

### Public Treatment.

How often we slight people because of their color. Our treatment of people on this basis is causing great unrest in nations whose population bears a different color. We may be sowing the seeds of future wars. Why not be fair to people on the basis of character?

One of the world's greatest practical scientists lived in the United States. He developed several hundred products from sweet potatoes and peanuts, and a cheap paint from red clay and cast-off lubricating oil. He was George Washington Carver, now dead.

Also in the United States is one of the world's greatest singers, some say she is the greatest. She is Marian Anderson.

Yet these two persons could not or cannot secure rooms in many hotels, cannot eat in most restaurants, have a difficult time in voting, cannot sit any place they choose in many trains and theaters, would not be received in many hospitals and could not choose the part of many cities they might prefer to live in.

Perhaps you have guessed why these restrictions are placed on these people—they are Negroes. No matter how capable these two may be, they, along with 13 million other colored people in this country, are treated in these unfair ways.

Certainly Christians object to these unfair burdens placed on people whom God created with colored skins.

## The Bible's Statement on Races

According to the Bible, in the earliest days of mankind it was considered proper to attack or kill strangers. Gradually men began to have more regard for people of other families and tribes. Now Christians believe that we must love all people, even our enemies. First it was live and destroy others, then it was live and let live, now it is live and help live.

"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (Lev. 19:18), probably, first applied only to (Please turn to Page 19, Col. 1)

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# Blind Spots Among the Nations

No. 2 in a Series: "Inter-racial and Inter-faith Relationships"  
Jonah 4:6-11

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

FEBRUARY 1961

Comments by Earle W. Gates

## Pattern For The Meeting

This topic is the second in a series on *Inter-racial and Inter-faith Relationships*. Last week we discussed *Blind Spots In Race Relations*. This week we will think about *Blind Spots Among The Nations*. Familiarize yourself with both these topics as a unit. Next week's is slightly different, as we consider *If I Marry Outside My Church?*.

Today is Brotherhood Sunday. We should pause as we ask ourselves, "Who Is My Brother?" Consider Jesus' teachings on this subject. Have a globe of the world, or a wall map, hanging in the room, so that all nations might be considered equally.

Consider the missionary interests of your church. Are the nations well represented, or is only a favored one or two chosen? What are the chief interests among your people, and how have they been developed?

## What Is A Blind Spot?

Last week we discussed the general meaning of "Blind spots," striving to discover the basic physiological meaning of the term. An interesting experiment was outlined. Read again last week's topic to better understand it. Perhaps the society would like to try the experiment again as a group.

There is a particular spot before our faces where vision does not grasp the total image before it. So in human relations there are certain few areas where spiritual or mental "vision" does not adequately grasp the total situation immediately before one's eyes. These "blind spots" in our relationships are our special interest in this unit of topics. We should endeavor to see other people as Christ would see them, to think as He thought, to open our eyes and ears compassionately to the needs and the cries He acknowledged.

## Blind Spots Among The Nations

There are many areas of apparent blindness in the relationship between nations. Intolerance, suspicion, indeed outright antagonism is often the order of the day. This accounts for the constant turmoil in world relations.

Blind spots toward other nations are especially evident in the field of missions. Some nations are entirely forgotten by certain individuals and groups due to blind spots. They feel that some nations are as they are, that they will never be any different, and so ought

### A SEED THOUGHT

"A nation is a thing that lives and acts like a man, and men are the particles of which it is composed."—J. G. Holland

## Aim Of The Topic

1. To point out the "likenesses" of the various nations.
2. To realize the Christian attitude toward those of all nations.

## Talk It Over

1. What are the basic differences in nations?
2. How are nations alike? List several ways.
3. How does Christ distinguish one nation from the other?
4. What is a "blind spot"?
5. How do we have "Blind Spots" in our missionary interests?
6. How do we have blind spots in our world political affairs?
7. What "blind spots" do we have in our attitudes toward other races?
8. Why do we like one race, or class, or nation more than others? Why dislike some more?
9. What spiritual defects do such "blind spots" indicate?
10. How would Jesus help us in OUR blind spots? What would He require of us in several that you can name?

to stay that way. "Nothing can be done, so why try?" It is difficult to make people understand that even though the religion in which one is born causes one to worship Mohammed, Buddha, a golden calf, or Allah, or images of any nature, that they can be converted to the Christian religion. No one group is beyond hope, each can be helped. All deserve to have the attitude of "brotherhood" shown them, regardless of race or creed or estate. The greater their ignorance or depravity, the greater their need for Christ and His Way. One of the best ways to remove our missionary "blind spots" is to try to see other nations and peoples as Christ sees them.

## What Are The Effects of Blind Spots?

Blind spots do not make possible brotherly relationships as completely as our Lord would have them. Actually all cases of war could be traced back to blind spots. Individuals or groups often cannot see beyond a certain point; beyond that total blindness seems to rule. Circumstances arise that are not in themselves of any importance. Yet if one of these events seems in the least way directed against a nation, by another nation, great disturbances are created. Events otherwise inconsequential become suddenly of great consequence. Here even the wisest of men are often blind. National honor or pride may

well be a blind spot. Tragic effects of lasting influence often result from such lack of vision or judgement.

## What Is Your Blind Spot?

Those of the North American continent usually feel very satisfied with themselves because they feel that they live in the world's finest countries. Perhaps it is true, yet because our climate, our modes of transportation and communication, our potential production, our amusements and recreation, our ways of living, our "gadgets," are more desirable and more advanced than those of other nations, is no reason to think of them as inferior. No nation could exist by itself. Each one depends on others to a great degree. That we should consider each other as brothers seems reasonable to any thinking person. Assuredly, that we should treat each other as brothers is a Christian obligation. Each nation, — yes, each person — has individual "blind spots," places where others cannot be seen in their proper light. What is yours?

## Do Christians Have Blind Spots?

The world has always needed the brotherly love required by our Lord Jesus. But never more so than now! It is the only balm for the wounds of humanity. Kindness is the most potent influence in the world. President Woodrow Wilson once said: "The sum of the whole matter is this, that our civilization cannot survive materially unless it is redeemed spiritually . . . Here is the final challenge to our churches, to our political organizations, and to our capitalists — to every one who fears God or loves his country."

Christians have the means for "correcting vision." The life and the message of the Lord Jesus Christ would forever banish an area of thought that shut others out. He has shown the way for men to live — and to live together. We must strive to see as Jesus saw, to hear as He heard, to respond with compassion as was His way. There are none so blind as those who will not see. If the mind of Christ is in us, our blind spots will be focal points of opportunity for Christian service.

## From The Book of Books

- M., Feb. 13. All Have Sinned. Romans 3:9-12, 23  
T., Feb. 14. Their Spiritual Heritage. Romans 4:13-18  
W., Feb. 15. Look Unto Me. Isaiah 45:20-22  
T., Feb. 16. The Whole World. John 17:18-21  
F., Feb. 17. His Other Sheep. John 10:14-16  
S., Feb. 18. From Every Nation. Revelation 5:8-10  
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# Blind Spots Among the Nations

No. 2 in a Series: "Our Wider Brotherhood"  
Jonah 4:6-11



Intermediate (12-14 YEARS)

FEBRUARY 19

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

## Take a Look into the Bible

Rarely do we have a Scripture reference in the Book of Jonah. But in this topic do. Why not read the whole book? It's short, and easily read.

Jonah, whose name means "dove," almost did not become a man with a message. The message of peace, indicated by the meaning of his name, almost missed being delivered to the people of Nineveh because Jonah was stubborn and rebellious servant of God. Some of us often are like him!

Jonah presents a sorry spectacle of a servant of the Lord being among people who did not want to be used of God to teach him a lesson. (Jonah 1:9, 14, 16.) How much better it would be to be a glad and willing servant of the Lord! God loves our service as well as the giving of our substance.

When the people of Nineveh heard Jonah's message they repented. And when they repented, God saw it and showed them mercy. He did not overthrow the city as He had warned through Jonah. (Jonah 3:7-10.) Chapter four reveals that Jonah was much displeased and angry at this turn of events, because Nineveh was an enemy of Israel. But we must be realized that God will extend mercy to all sinners if they will but truly repent.

How many times during the course of the history of mankind God has extended mercy! You and I have received mercy if we have received Christ as Saviour. God desires to extend mercy to all men today and is calling upon all to repent of their sins, His great grace being the basis of His showing mercy. Have you received the benefits of God's great mercy?

## A Lesson from Jonah for Us Today

God is merciful, we know. But God has chosen us for His own. The only way we can be loyal to God is to remain pure and untouched by the pagan world. The pagan nations are evil. Our work is to build our own nation on firm foundations.

God loves all nations and would have them come unto Him for salvation. God will save the pagan nations, evil as they are, if they but repent.

## Some Blind Spots

### 1. Nationalism

Twenty years ago a new surge of national interest arose. Nations cared little about linking themselves to other nations for the greater good. This gave rise to selfishness. Eventually World War II was the outcome.

*Name some evidences of what nationalism does to people.*

### 2. Prejudice

According to one definition prejudice is "a prejudgment concerning a person, a group, or a situation such that one is unable to make an objective evaluation. It is a socially pre-

### Our Aims

1. To appreciate differences among peoples.
2. To learn what hinders brotherhood.
3. To seek to aid our nation in developing Christian attitudes.

### Questions

1. Is it fair to judge a whole nation by the acts of a few citizens?
2. Do you call certain nations by disrespectful names?
3. Do young people in every nation have the same hopes, and ambitions and desires? Explain.
4. Give an illustration of good will upon the part of our nation. Of another nation.
5. Should we write congressmen about how we feel on various matters?
6. What is a project for our society to help erase blind spots?
7. What lessons can we learn from the book of Jonah?
8. Is there a chance for greater brotherliness right in your church membership? Explain.

determined attitude, and one held without regard to the actual facts." A child hears older people talk, watches their actions, and forms ideas before he knows many facts. Without realizing it, he may become very much attached to certain prejudices. The purpose of this meeting is to face honestly prejudices that members of the group may have acquired and to present facts and ways to overcome them.

*Name some evidences of what prejudice does to people.*

*Can you tell stories of friendly acts between races? Between nations?*

## Some Solutions

Jesus treated all men equally before God because of the fact that He had a Gospel that could save all men, regardless of their color or condition. This goes to the very heart of the mission of Jesus on earth. He believed in all people, and He believed that God was sufficient for every one of them.

Paul caught this spirit of brotherhood, and expressed it in many ways, but never better than in Colossians 3:11: "Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all." Christianity is not a national or tribal or racial religion: the central concept is that "God so loved the world . . ."

## Scripture Readings

- M., Feb. 13. All Have Sinned. Romans 3:1-12:23.  
T., Feb. 14. Their Spiritual Heritage. Romans 4:13-18.  
W., Feb. 15. Look Unto Me. Isaiah 45:20-22.  
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This same thought is carried out in the words of Jesus as reported by Matthew: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20.)

Kirby Page writes in "The Will of God For These Days": "It is the will of God that we recognize one another as brothers and that we dwell together in harmony." Surely it is the Gospel of Jesus, and His prayers and teachings, which form the basis for brotherhood. "Our Father . . . thy Kingdom come on earth, as it is in heaven." God's will prevails in the universe. It is our task to make His will prevail among men!

## Walk the First Mile First

Talk to your Christian friends about "going the second mile" in the spirit of the Sermon on the Mount, and you will bring a glow to their eyes and warm praises to their lips. But talk to them of their Christian or civic duty—voting, helping to clean the church, paying the pastor, teaching a class or leading a Christian Endeavor meeting—and you will hear all kinds of excuses. Talk to many Christians about "turning the other cheek" and they will applaud your idea that suffering is better than retaliation. But ask them to be patient with someone who disagrees with them and they may quickly rush the case to court. Talk to fellow Christians about "loving your enemies" and some will agree that Jesus wants us to let love leap over iron curtains. But ask them to love the neighbor next door and they will tell you how impossible it is to get along with him.

You must walk the first mile in willing obedience before you can volunteer for the second.

Walk it first, and then look beyond the fulfillment of duty to the joy of volunteering. Why not volunteer first to do what is required?

## Get a Global View

Dr. Frank C. Laubach, famed for his ability to get primitive peoples to read and write, states that young people today must get a "global view." Most of us would ask what the demands of a global view are. Could we say that they are:

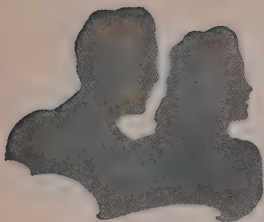
—to commit oneself to Jesus Christ as the only One who can redeem the world from sin and destruction and to the world fellowship of Christians that crosses all geographical and political lines;

—to recognize and act upon the ways in which all men everywhere are alike; for the qualities are important and fundamental, whereas the differences are superficial and result from differences in climate and culture;

—to imagine the welfare of one's neighbor 10,000 miles away as if it were one's own, for prosperity in one part of the globe is only temporary if other parts do not prosper;

—to stretch one's loyalty to include not only town and country but the world.





# If I Marry Outside My Church?

No. 3 in a Series: "Inter-racial and Inter-faith Relationships"  
Genesis 2:18-24; Mark 10:2-12

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

FEBRUARY 20

Comments by Earle W. Gates

## Pattern For The Meeting

This topic varies somewhat from the other two in the series. The others have been concerned with inter-racial relationships and this one with inter-faith relationships. The leader of this meeting should have his feet on firm ground in regard to this topic. It will be well with him also to discuss the matter with his pastor in order to understand how he and the church feel.

All phases of marrying "outside my church" should be considered, including Roman Catholic, Jew, Atheist, and even denominations other than one's own. All these are out of "my church." There are a number of film strips on this subject, besides countless leaflets, and even books, that could be made available to interested members.

Bear in mind that this age group is very interested in marriage. They are the age that is very conscious of a great decision — choosing a life partner. Together, establish ideas and ideals that will help make happiness a by-product of this decision.

## Who Is "Outside My Church"?

To answer the question "Who is outside my church?" perhaps the most convincing answer is another question, "Who is *in* my church?" Compared with the number of those who are "outside" your church, there is a very limited number inside.

You are daily surrounded with people who are not a part of your church; those with whom you work, go to school, meet at social gatherings, etc. In this large number of people you find Roman Catholics, Jews, Atheists, Presbyterians, Lutherans, Episcopalians, Baptists, Congregationalists, and the almost countless other important denominations. If they are not members of your church, they are outside it, especially if they are not of the same denomination as you, even though they are Protestant.

## Why Not Marry Outside My Church?

Sometimes marriages are entered into without much careful thought and preparation with the result of failure. Many things may cause broken marriage vows. Young people do not always think of all the things involved that make for success or failure of a marriage.

### A SEED THOUGHT

**"Never forget that marriage is ordained of God and that His blessing alone can make it what it should ever be."**

### Aim Of The Topic

1. To realize the importance of choosing the right marriage partner.
2. To see clearly what marrying "outside one's church" can mean.

### Talk It Over

1. What does "marrying outside my church" mean? List those coming under this heading.
2. Who is hurt by such a marriage?
3. What is there that you cherish about your church relationship that would be lost or harmed by marrying outside of it?
4. What can you do today to prevent this problem from occurring in your life?
5. What are some of the problems that arise from such a marriage?
6. Do you agree or disagree with the statement that you should not even date one who does not equal your qualifications for a life mate? Why?
7. Would you feel free to consult your pastor on such a problem? Why or why not?
8. What is the meaning of The Seed Thought?
9. Do you want God to be a third party in your marriage? Give reasons for answer.
10. What will you do about introducing this plan into your married life?

One of the greatest reasons for the divorce rate being so high is that of religion. It is rare indeed to find a successful mixed marriage. Although you may know of one or two cases where marriage has been successful, how many do you know that are not? Sometimes they appear to be happy on the surface but deep discontentment lies underneath. There comes a day, particularly when children enter the family circle when one problem after another arises.

You may choose to sacrifice your church and all it stands for for your marriage partner, but dare you make choices that your unborn children must follow?

Those who do not experience the family together in a church pew have missed much. If one cannot express his religious faith and beliefs at home he has a "bound-up" feeling. Marriage represents a "togetherness" of two or more people. If this cannot be enjoyed in every aspect of home life, the marriage is not complete.

## Meeting The Problem Today

The only way to assure one's self of a happy marriage is to begin to prepare for it today. Perhaps you already face the problem of "marrying outside your church." If so, you have not been concerned enough beforehand to make certain agreements with your-

self. In facing temptation, we know that is never difficult to say no if we have considered the possibility of the problem as decided upon our answer to it. When you know beforehand what to say or do it is much easier than meeting the problem suddenly face to face.

Therefore, consider the fact that probably some day you will get married. With what kind of a person do you want to spend the rest of your life? What kind of a parent do you want for your children? Set your standards now, and then stay by them.

If you set certain qualifications for a marriage partner, why date anyone whom you know could never meet them? This sounds "stuffy" and old fashioned perhaps, but every marriage began with a first date. The majority of them never expected or realized the result. So it could happen to you. If you happen to be dating some one who is "outside your church," consider the problem that could result should you happen to fall in love, and to marry. Read about his or her faith or denomination to more clearly see the problems. Look for problems *now*, not when it's too late.

If the present romance is very serious, consult your pastor. He always considers it a privilege to be called upon in this way. See his counselling and advice. Always couples preparing for marriage should seek premarital counsel with their pastor in order to build a lasting marriage and a happy home. But if you feel you are far from the marriage stage, but yet interested in one "outside your church," seek your pastor's advice.

## The "Three-Party" Marriage Plan

Marriage between one man and one woman is the oldest divinely-created institution, ordained before there was any human society. It is more than just a contract between man and woman for God has been a party to the proceedings and has formed the sacred bond.

He not only created this institution but desires to be a third member in it. No marriage is complete until God is officially a member. The writer just received a letter from one of his recently married young men who referred to his happy marriage in this way, "The three of us sharing our love and companionship." Those words and that attitude represent a happily married couple. Problems should be few when God is such a welcome Partner.

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S., Feb. 25. Archetype Of Marriage. Ephesians 5:22-29.  
Sun., Feb. 26. Topic—If I Marry Outside My Church? Genesis 2:18-24; Mark 10:2-12.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD



# Spiritual Giants of the Past

No. 1 in a Series: "Giant Leaders"  
Hebrews 12:1-11



Intermediate (12-14 YEARS)

FEBRUARY 26

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

## Biography Stimulates

There is no kind of reading so helpful in character formation as that of biography. The story of men and women, who have made their lives count upon their age and generation, awakens hope and courage and determination in the heart of the reader. Especially is true of the biography of Christian workers, missionary heroes and heroines. The lives of these men are an atmosphere into which we must enter without feeling braced and inspired.

The lives of the great missionaries combine the rarest qualities of mind and heart, an unswerving allegiance to Christ and His will, which called forth the most heroic elements in their natures, intense zeal, love and tenderness for suffering humanity, and a faith that feared no foe and knew no defeat.

Today let's study some "giants of the past."

## Augustine

Augustine was born in Tagaste, North Africa, of a pagan father, Patricius (later to become a Christian), and a devout Christian mother, Monica. Brilliant, willful, studious, skeptical, sometimes licentious, the story of Augustine is the story of human nature. At 30, still fighting the battle of flesh and spirit, he prayed, "Give me chastity, but not yet!"

Tremendous influences were to bring about the conversion of Augustine to Christianity. One of these was Bishop Ambrose of Milan, whose sermons and counsel pierced the conscience of Augustine. Bishop Ambrose convinced Augustine. Perhaps Bishop Ambrose, who felt the urgency of preaching could say,

*preached as never sure to preach again, and as a dying man to dying men.*

In 387 he baptized Augustine into the Christian faith.

In 391 Augustine was ordained, against his will, a priest in the Roman Catholic church at Hippo. Here he remained until his death, four years as a priest, the remainder of his years as a bishop. Because of Augustine this small seaport became famous through the Christian centuries: Here he wrote his "Confessions" and "City of God." Here he grew into one of the great Christian theologians, one who wrote many doctrines for the Church.

Augustine's yearning for salvation through close companionship with God is the quest of the ages. Reared in the paganism of the Roman empire, Augustine saw the coming decay of that society. (which occurred in 486.) In its place he envisioned "The City of God," the body of Christian believers who compose the church. What might our civilization in the year 1956 become, if 650,000,000 members of "the City of God," the church, became centered in God, conscious in daily acts of God's grace, and loyalty to the universal church!

## Our Aims

1. To look into earlier church history.
2. To learn to know some of the great names and leaders of the past.
3. To gain qualities of personality which made these notable leaders great.

## Francis of Assisi

Son of a rich Italian merchant, Francis assumed partnership in his father's business at the age of 14. Until he was 24 he led a carefree life.

As the result of a feud, Francisco was taken captive and held prisoner for a year. During this time he was seriously ill. He resolved to give up his former way of life, leave his family and friends, and live as nearly like Christ as possible.

In a cave near the little town of Assisi, Francisco lived in poverty and meditated on the sufferings of Christ. In 1508, when he was 26 years old, he began to preach to others.

Francisco's humility, his simplicity of speech, and his austere way of living attracted others to him. From this group developed the Franciscan order of monks. For this order Francis (as he came later to be called) drew up some rules. There were twelve members of the group, and all made the trip to Rome to receive the blessing of Innocent III, the Pope, upon their new order.

After returning to Assisi, they settled in a house adjoining the Chapel of Saint Mary of the Angels and preached to the people of the surrounding country. In a few years their band had grown enough that Francis could send groups of missionaries not only into other parts of Italy, but even to France, Spain, and Africa. He himself traveled while continuing to supervise the work of the organization.

A second order was established for women, and later one for those who were unable to leave home and devote full-time to religious work. He was only 44 years old when he died. Two years later he was made a saint by Pope Gregory. He is admired by Protestants and Roman Catholics because of his devout spirit.

## Brother Lawrence

Many find it more difficult to worship in a kitchen than before an altar. Some feel themselves serving God better through preaching to crowds than in washing pots and pans. But it was different with Nichols Herman (called Brother Lawrence). "The time of business," he

said, "does not with me differ from the time of prayer; and in the noise and clutter of my kitchen, while several persons are at the same time calling for different things, I possess God in as great tranquillity as if I were upon my knees at the blessed sacrament." It took 10 years of careful spiritual discipline before he was able to achieve "the practice of the presence of God" in the duties of daily living.

Brother Lawrence was a soldier and a household servant who became a layman of the Barefooted Carmelites. Without formal education, outside elegant cathedrals, and void of elegant ritual, he was able to have a personal union of himself and God. This was for him the highest goal of living: "I cannot imagine how religious persons can live satisfied without the practice of the presence of God. For my part, as I can, I keep myself retired within Him in the very center of my soul, and I am so with Him, I fear no evil." His conversion began when at 18 on a midwinter day he saw a leafless tree. As he reflected that spring would soon bring blossoms and leaves to the tree, his thoughts turned to the "wonders of God in His world. From that time he endeavored to walk constantly "as in His presence."

## Martin Luther

Martin Luther, a monk and teacher, was dissatisfied with his spiritual life. He went to Rome to scale the steps of the Vatican. In the city was a sacred stairway called the Scala Santa. It was said that the 28 steps of this stairway had been brought to Rome from Jerusalem. It was taught, and believed, that if a pilgrim climbed this stairway upon his knees, praying as he went, he would win for any deceased relative a freedom from purgatory of nine years for each step. It is said that while Luther was engaged in this act the words of the Bible, "The just shall live by faith" (Habakkuk 2:4; Romans 1:17) came to him. He stood up and walked back down the steps. From this time he criticized the church more and more. Finally in 1517 he wrote out 95 theses, or statements of belief, and nailed them on the door of the Church at Wittenberg. In these theses he criticized certain practices of the church and made statements of his own faith. This started the Reformation and eventually Protestantism.

## John Wesley

John Wesley stopped one evening at a small church in Aldersgate. He says that in the service he "felt his heart strangely warmed." He went out from the meeting a new man. Within a short time he was surprising the whole nation by his preaching. He was one of the noble class but he went to preach to the common people. These people did not attend church, so he preached wherever he found them. He was a small man and rather timid, yet he began to speak out in the open to groups of (Please turn to Page 19, Col. 2)

## From God's Book

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T., Feb. 21. Abraham's Faith. Genesis 15:2-6.  
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S., Feb. 25. Esther's Courage. Esther 4:16-5:2a.  
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# Training

by Amy Deck Faust

**W**OULD you expect an engineer to climb into a cab and take a train down the track the first time he laid a hand on the throttle? Anyone expecting that should be forced to ride solo on that train, yet this is what many folks seem to expect in broadcasting and audio-visuals. People who would never take a car or train out on the first run after one lesson in instruction, attempt to write, produce, and act in broadcasting, or they intend to project some form of audio-visual.

While some technical training and some practice is necessary, audio-visual workmanship should not be surrounded with an air of magic. It is not too complicated or difficult for a woman to understand. An instructed layman is just as able to use these tools as an instructed teacher or clergyman. A young person is as able, often better able, to serve as a technician than an adult. Yet a person old in years can learn a surprising number of audio-visual skills, providing he, as all others, is given training.

Dr. S. Franklin Mack, executive director of the Broadcasting and Film Commission has recently written an article, "Training is a Must." ("The Christian Broadcaster" a quarterly publication of the World Committee for Broadcasting, 156 Fifth Ave., New York. Cost \$3. per year). In this article Dr. Mack says that training is needed today.

"Along with the other 'ages' we are witnessing, we have with us the rapidly expanding 'Electronic Age'. It is so new that religious leaders have had little or no opportunity to acquaint themselves with the possible use of radio and television in the program of the Church." Dr. Mack then went on to say that until very recently, "seminaries have not included training in the use of these modern media of mass communications." It is for this very reason that one or two day institutes and longer workshops have been arranged. Also, many seminaries and schools are offering practical courses in audio-visual and broadcasting techniques.

## Workmanship Needed

There are many areas in which workmanship is needed. There is the special skill and training that is needed in writing and programming. Script writing in this area differs from journalism, drama, and other forms of writing. For this reason script writers are badly needed, but they must be trained.

In the area of production there are the various technical skills needed to put a program on the air, or to transfer it to tape, film, or records. To learn this skill is not an impossible task, but it is a growing process involving more than one lecture.

The special skill of projection, or engineering in radio and television, is acquired again by special training. Some projection skill can be acquired by reading the direction manual accompanying the various types of equipment. Some skill is acquired in consultation with the

trained salesmen of the various products. Still other skills are learned in training sessions and schools, while experience is also a great teacher.

## Learn The Right Way

It is to be remembered that each piece of equipment and each audio-visual or broadcasting technique requires specialized training for fullest efficiency. There is an approved way to set up a screen, for instance. Some might say, "Anyone can set up a screen." Evidence of the struggle and damage to the screens would indicate that anyone can try,

but perhaps only trained people should be allowed to try.

The screen, lighting, ventilation, storage, projection of projector, recorder, playback, and other equipment should demand training. Writing, production, evaluation, presentation and utilization demands still other skills. Churches today must train their leaders and leaders must be willing to be trained.

Training may come in various ways. In addition to the schools and laboratories, there are workshops and institutes on various levels. Some are local, others international. Some are denominational, others are interdenominational, and some are inter-faith. Therefore, check on workshop possibilities, but whatever the situation, train. With Dr. Mack we say "Leaders must be trained."

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## Senior-Young People — Feb. 5

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them. Anyone who wishes to make the best use of his life will prayerfully consider this call, and asking the Master's help, "Here am I, send me."

To sign the Life-Work Recruit Pledge to be the means for some young people truly begin to live the kind of life they've dreamed about.

## Let Him Reign NOW

May our 75th Anniversary gift to Christian endeavor, and to our Heavenly Father, be our dedication to these great challenges, as God bids. Let each one sign the Christian Endeavor Pledge, and make it possible for each one cares to to sign the Quiet Hour, Tenth Legion, and Life-Work Recruit Pledges. (Any individual may write International Headquarters, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio for further information.) Let Christ reign, beginning today!

## Intermediate — February 12

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members of the Hebrew nation, not to all people. However the idea grew during the days of the Old Testament.

Jesus said, "Love your enemies and pray for them that persecute you." (Matthew 5:43.) When Jesus said to "love thy neighbor as thyself" he meant all people. He defined neighbor," in the story of the Good Samaritan, as one who helps others. No mention of race or color there! Even more, Jews and Samaritans did not like each other. (see John 4:9.) Yet the hero of the Good Samaritan story, told by Jesus, a Jew, to other Jews, was a Samaritan.

After the death of Jesus, His followers were true to these teachings. Among the early converts to the new church was a Negro. (Acts 8:26-40.) Peter says, "God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is acceptable to him." (Acts 10:34-35.) Paul continues with, "He hath made of one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth." (Acts 17:26.)

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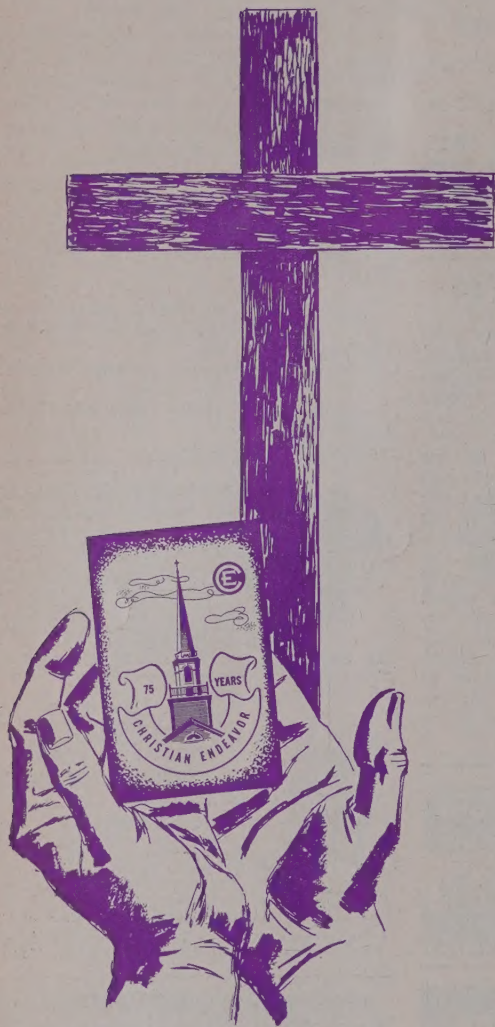
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